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Honduran cantaloupes recalled

The Consumer Health Services Division of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture is urging consumers to check their households for cantaloupes that are part of a national recall.

Central American Produce, Inc. of Pompano Beach, FL has voluntarily recalled cantaloupes grown, packed and shipped by an independent third-party grower, Agropecuaria Montelibano of San Lorenzo Valle, Honduras. The product was distributed nationwide.

The cantaloupes are being recalled because they have been associated with outbreaks of Salmonella Litchfield in 16 states and Canada.

Symptoms of foodborne illness caused by Salmonella include fever, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, nausea and vomiting. Life threatening infections can result in people with poor health or weakened immune systems. Individuals who have recently eaten cantaloupe and experienced any of these symptoms should contact their doctor immediately. These illnesses should also be reported to the Wyoming Department of Agriculture or a local health department.

Although the products have been removed from retail stores in Wyoming, health officials want to make sure that products do not remain in homes or food service operations. Consumers who have recently bought cantaloupes should check with the place of purchase to determine if the fruit came from this specific grower and packer. If so, consumers should throw away the cantaloupes.

The cantaloupes were distributed for sale in medium brown cardboard cartons with the brands "Mikes Melons" or "Mayan Pride" all showing "Produce of Honduras" printed on each of the four side panels of the carton.

In addition, Charlie's Produce of Spokane, WA is recalling cut cantaloupe products, because cantaloupe used in these products may have been supplied from Agropecuaria Montelibano.

"In addition to consumers, it is especially important for retailers, food banks, charitable organizations, child care facilities and other food service operations to be aware of the recall," said Dean Finkenbinder, Manager of the Consumer Health Services Division.

For more information on produce safety, visit <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/prodsafe.html>.

Consumers with questions may contact Central American Produce, Inc. at (954) 943-2303. Consumers may also contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at (307) 777-7211.

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